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SUMMARY: AT JANUARY 29 NAC SESSION, PERMREPS DISCUSSED POLADS' PAPER ON SINO/SOVIET RELATIONS. CONSENSUS WAS THAT PAPER, WHILE TOO LONG, WAS USEFUL DOCUMENT AND POLADS SHOULD IN FUTURE CONTINUE PRODUCING SUCH ASSESSMENTS. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL ISSUE SLIGHTLY AMENDED FINAL VERSION OF PAPER REFLECTING PERMREPS' COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. SVART (DENMARK), A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, AND TO PEKING, COMMENDED THE PAPER AND SAID HE AGREED WITH ITS MAIN CONCLUSION, E.E. THAT THE LATE 1974 EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE HAD NOT RESULTED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THEIR RELATIONS. SVART ALSO AGREED WITH THE VIEW IN THE PAPER'S PARA 6 THE " INTER-PARTY RELATIONSHIPS REMAINTHE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN THE DISPUTE". HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, CONCUR IN PARA 7'S CONCLUSION THAT "POSSIBLY MUTUALLY SUSPICIONS AND ANTAGONISMS HAD EVEN INCREASED". SVART NOTED IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT RELATIONS
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COULD BECOME MUCH WORSE THATN THEY ARE AT PRESENT. HE WAS ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIET POLITBURO WAS UNITED INT IS ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA, AND THAT IT WAS INCORRECT TO SINGLE OUT BREZHNEV AS BEING PARTICULARLY HOSTILE TOWARDS PEKING.

FINALLY, SVART TOOK EXCEPTION TO PARAGRAPH 26'S USE OF THE TERM "GEOPOLITICAL BALANCE" ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS IMPLIED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES OF FRONTIERS IN THE WEST. HE PREFERRED THE TERM "POLITICAL" "MILITARY BALANCE". SYG LUNS REQUESTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AMEND THE PAPER TO REFLECT THE DANISH PERMREP'S COMMENTS.

2. BRUCE, (U.S.) SIAD U.S. FINDS PAPER USEFUL, BUT TOO LONG. HE POINTED OUT CONTRADICTION IN PARA 8, WHICH SAYS RECENT EVENTS MAY HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT "IMPORTANT NUANCES" IN SINO/SOVIET DISPUTE, BUT THEN GOES ON THE SAY POSITION OF TWO SIDES REMAINS UNCHANGED. AFTER NOTING OTHER SHORTCOMINGS MENTIONED IN REF A, BRUCE ADDED PERSONAL VIEW THAT ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT DRASTIC CHANGES IN SINO/SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. PECK(UK) AGREED THAT PAPER WAS TOO LONG, AND NOTED THAT UK AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD EXPRESSED PAPER'S MAIN POINT IN A SINGLE SENTENCE: "THE CHINESE TEASED THE SOVIETS AND BRIEFLY BAMBOOZLED THE WORLD." PECK HOPED THAT IN THE FUTURE POLADS WOULD BE PROMPTER IN PRODUCING ASSESSMENTS, ADDING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE DELAY IN THIS CASE WAS DUE TO THE SLOWNESS OF SOME CAPITALS IN COMMENTING ON THE PAPER.

4. MENZIES (CANADA) AGREED WITH THE BRITISH HOPE FOR PROMPTER ASSESSMENTS FROM POLADS AND SUGGESTED THAT THE POLAD'S CHAIRMAN SET DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMENTS. MENZIES NOTED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CHINESE PARTY CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE CURRENT SOVIET PRESS LINE ON CHINA SUPPORTED THE PAPER'S CONCLUSION THAT SINO/SOVIET RELATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED. HE TOOK ISSUE, HOWEVER, WITH THE DANISH PERMREP'S EMPHASIS ON THE PREDOMINANCE OF THE INTER-PARTY, IDEOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE DISPUTE. MENZIES REFERRED TO THE LONG HISTORY OF INTER-STATE HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND SAID HE WOULD NOT GIVE PRIMACY TO ONE FACTOR OVER THE OTHER. SYG LUNS SAID THAT HIS CURRENT READING OF A HISTORY OF 19TH CENTURY CHINA SUPPORTED THE CANADIAN PERMREP'S VIEW. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DANISH AMBASSADOR REJOINED THAT HE AGREED WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORICAL FACTORS, BUT THAT IDEOLOGY PLAYED A KEY ROLE.

5. DE ROSE (FRANCE) ALSO NOTED THE PAPER WAS TOO LONG, BUT SAID HE NEVERTHELESS WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATING THE MOTIVES BEHIND RECENT CHINESE WARNING ABOUT THE ANGER OF WAR. DE ROSE ADDED THAT POPE PAUL VI SEEMS TO SHARE THE CHINESE CONCERN. HE WONDERED WHETHER THESE CHINESE STATEMENTS WERE PROPAGANDA GESTURES RELATED TO PEKING'S DISPUTE WITH MOSCOW, OR WHETHER THE CHINESE WERE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR.

6. SYG LUNS SAID THE REVISED VERSION OF THE PAPER WOULD

TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION AND
SUGGESTED THE COUNCIL TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER.
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